Hon. W. F. Saunders Tells of Its Growth, Its Resources and Its Coming Halcyon Days.

An Exceedingly Interesting Renume of the Political Status and Statehood Aspirings

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with many important frontier interests | mated?" and thoroughly conversant with the people, the products, the plains and the valleys. Mr. Sanders is a mine of information, which he has digested ceeded in the usual fashion of question and answers, though but a portion of the latter can be given here:

MONTANA'S SHARE OF IMMIGRATION. distance, runs through Montana.
"How is Montana faring in this Owing to the perennial howl raised by MONTANA'S SHARE OF IMMIGRATION.

for more than three months most probably, but estimating the present population at 75,000—which is certainly moderate enough—it is safe to say that by the end of the season there will be from 90,000 to 100,000 residents. The majority of the immigrants who come by the Union Pacific settle in the western part of the territory. I mean west of the Belt mountains, and about the Barker and Maginnis mines, the Judith basin vian predominating. All are of the pleted. working classes, and many have some property in ready money or household and agricultural of expression to newspaper experience who preceded them, and the old. responsibility. timers will have to go north of the dominion line, and work their games on the half-breeds and Indians. There and for a long time formed the principal part of the population, were not with most of the extreme western and southern men who migrated earlier, but many of the latter have learned to work now, and well, and the present influx are nearly all of the steadygoing sort. "In your judgment which will prove

the greatest future factor towards In it he says: Montana's wealth, mining, grazing or agriculture?"

'That's a hard question to answer authoritatively since a development has not yet been reached from which absolute facts can be deducted. In first place, grazing next and mining last, but who can tell into what the mines may develop? They are yet comparatively in their infancy." THE POLITICAL STATUS AND OUTLOOK.

"I know of no one better posted thereon than yourself. Mr. Sanders,

'That's another hard question to answer. Montana is regarded as a democratic territory and it has so voted I know, but I firmly believe that we can make it republican. Sixty per cent. of the immigrants are of that political persuasion and then the Missourians and Irish, who vote the democratic ticket and support each other for office, etc., are really about as congenial as a Chinaman and a hoodlum. My belief is that the republicans will civil war, and in their hearts are so tree a-growing on about an acre of yet. Lots of them carried muskets ground. on the southern side. Of course Maginnis is for those who elected him. He is really the only resident in Montana who has represented her in Washington, and there is a dearth of men who have the requisite knowledge of political affairs, who know men and manners in and about the seat of the nation. But I repeat my statement that the present outlook is for a republican majority in Montana next

THE QUESTION OF STATEHOOD.

"How about application for admis-sion to statehood?" "If an enabling act were passed tomorrow I believe that by the time a constitution had been framed Montana would have enough people to entitle it to admission. Certainly in two years at farthest we shall be asking for the togs of a full-fledged state.

This animal is called the pouched to the pouched t I tell you our people want it; they want to govern themselves. The terwant to govern themselves. The ter-ritorial form of government is a con-that he has on each side of his face a stant and ever present disrespect to very curious pouch or pocket, extend-our intelligent people. Carpet bag-ing backward or downward, nearly or gers are sent to rule over us, (I'll quite to the shoulder. In these little

MAGNIFICENT MONTANA. except the judges, who seem to have identified themselves with the people) and decent folks hold aloof from they convey the dirt in them which expected duties is to spy out our actions and report. I was in Washington a short time ago, and apropos of this admission question I'll tell you what I heard there to distribute they remove from their holes. On two occasions we have found green gross in these pockets, so we do not accept the other idea. They doubtless go out and gather green tood in the night, though in rare instances and accept the other idea. from very high authority. Thus reads the handwriting on the wall, 'The chances for Dakota's admission during this term are slim,' and this is recognized. Something pouched gopher than any other of our "It is a magnificent territory and man-Maginnis, probably, and he'd are so difficult to capture and keep in so fertile and capacious in resource do it quick enough-go to the leaders captivity. Few naturalists-in fact and product that it can amply sup- of the opposition and say, 'See here, we know of none—have ever seen port—and will in time—a million what's the use of this fight against a laby gopher. Little if anything is souls. Of retrogression in population, Dakota's admission. You've given it known of their habits in winter. They as in the case of Nevada, there is ab. away that the objections are purely are said to have, down in the numer solutely no possibility."

Thus spake Hon. W. F. Sanders concerning Montana the magnificent last evening when found in the Metropolitan hotel. The gentleman's judgment is entitled to the fullest cota, why not Montana? The latter prepared to believe all this—for they have a will have a sufficient to the sufficient prepared to believe all this—for they have a well-fad.

of 1864, 1868 and 1880, identified republican after the plan was consum- one of our near neighbors in plowing

em pause. THE RAILWAY PROSPECTS.

and is not only able but willing to certainties give upon the railroad out-make public. The interview pro-"The Northern Pacific will be completed to the Pacific coast next year, and 750 miles, a third of the whole

"How is Montana faring in this wonderful immigration season?"
"Well, sir, well. The larger portion of the inflow is brought by the Union Pacific and Utah Northern railways, which carry in the territory from 100 to 200 people per day. I counted a train with 176 incomers and was told that was about the average.

Buell, Huribut and other newspaper damage. We have tried shooting and trapping them with varying success, but some of the old chaps seem to 'be energies to the early completion of the main line, to the exclusion of the main line, to the exclusion of many feeders and branches which would otherwise have been built synplan is to cut a sweet potato into The Northern Pacific brings in fifty would otherwise have been built syn- plan is to cut a sweet potato into to seventy-five daily, and each boat takes about fifty, and it is probably fair to say there are three boats a week, and will be for three months.

One would obtain with the being being our being the small pieces, and into these make present year a branch 100 miles long will be built from Bozeman to the strychnine. By digging down between the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine when the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine when the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine when the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine when the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine was not a small pieces, and into these make the small pieces, and into these make the small pieces, and into these make the strychnine will be strychnine. By digging down between the little heaps of dirt which the strychnine was not a small pieces. Of course this rush will not continue 150 miles from Billings to Fort Ben- they throw up, one can readily find for more than three months ton and a fifty-mile spar from Garri- their galleries or underground roads.

and Maginnis mines, the Judith basin Benton, trending northwestward from and contiguous places. The others Fort Buford, and our hopes suggest locate on the Yellowstone or Mussel. that this corporation cannot come too shell or the northern part of the terri- soon. We want mechanics in Montory. The western settlers are nearly all from the states, from Maine to Mismerchants are now so largely in the souri, while among the others is a majority, and artificers come with the large foreign element, the Scandina- railroads and stay when it is com-

effects, or both. The men who live by their wits are represented too, of course, and I guess the new ones can get a living for a while. They are sharper than those of like class to don't be discovered by the course of the class are sharper than those of like class to don't be desired by the course of the class are sharper than those of like class to don't be desired by the course of the class to don't be desired by the course of the class to don't be desired by the course of the class to he weight of hewspaper experience gained in Ohio, in bygone days, when the editor of his town paper leaving three hundred Chinamen crowded around James Naughton's undertaking rooms in Mott street, where the dead body of Deh Fook

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The Gopher and the Prairie Squirrel As these names are given to the same animals in many parts of the head of the coffin until there was a west, Mr. Charles Aldrich writes an break in the noises, when it was handed

by devouring the roots, but by throw-ing up large heaps of dirt which cover driving along Broadway, with gongs large spaces and smother out the vegetation. Then they dig their passage-ways so near the top of the ground that a horse or cow, and often a man provisions for the dead were left, and will break through. The result of prayers were said. Deh Fook lies in this is they are capable of doing dam- grave No. 5 of the Celestial plot. y belief is that the republicans will age to meadows. They are also very only five persons besides the Chinese ct a delegate to congress this fall. destructive in an orchard, as they fre looked on. Superintendent Jennings, Maginnis (the present delegate) has quently devour all the roots of an of the cemetery, said if he had alsaid, and said in writing, that he wouldn't be a candidate, but they all say that, you know. Any other man they could put up fall. In the spring of 1880 we lost a broken grave stones and done other days in their efforts to see the Chiwe could beat easily, and I think we dozen choice young trees, just ready to come into bearing, from the wicked to come into bearing, from the wicked ness. republican, served bravely as a fed-eral soldier and supported the Union corner of the orchard seemed to be corner of the orchard seemed to be heartily. A large part of his con-their particular abiding place, and it atituents were disunion men in the

They sometimes destroy potatoes in the hills, but this to no very serious extent. Again, they burrow up un-der a shock of wheat, oats or corn, and if it is left standing for some time will completely ruin it. Their favorite means of locomotion seems to be to dig their way through the ground, which they do with great rapidity. I they come to a hard roadbed they dig right through it, often piling up their heaps of dirt in the wagon tracks. If a gopher is caught fast by one of his fore feet in a steel trap, and is left to himself, he will dig a hole in the ground with the other foot and disappear, trap and all, in a very few min-

them, recognizing that part of their they remove from their holes. On must be done, and this is the scheme. | mammals-for the reasons that they Let some representative Montana live so exclusively under ground and

consideration. A resident of Helena for many years, attorney for the Northern Pacific in the territory, ex-member of many legislatures, candidate for congressional delegate on the republican side in the campaigns of 1864, 1868, and 1880, identified in the campaigns of 1864, 1868, and 1880, identified in the campaigns of 1864, 1868, and 1880, identified in the campaigns of 1864, 1868, and 1880, identified in the campaigns of 1864, 1868, and 1880, identified in the campaigns of 1864, ident through a gopher mound turned up to "Ay, there's the rub. That makes the light one day a half a bushel or more of the tubers of the wild artichoke-and we have heard of other "What predictions can you make or instances—so that the granary questrainties give upon the railroad outday the other matters may be success-

tully investigated.

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Deh Fook's Obsequies. Deh Fook, a Chinese laundryman, who had been in this country twelve years, died in New York the other day of consumption. He was a conspicuous member of a sort of Free

body lay. A band played funeral airs. Tens of thousands of dollars are squand-toms. Nearly every one present was on the half-breeds and Indians. There is no use denying the fact that the class of men which settled Montana, and for a long time formed the prinsense, and if they are suffering 'rom dys. pepsia or liver complaint, invest a dollar where it was placed alongside of a where it was placed alongside of a of the thrifty sort who now come in PRING BLOSSOM, sold by all druggists table laden with funeral baked meats. from the New England and middle and indersed by the faculty. See test! Every Chinaman in the crowd put on at atom. It was come easy, go easy an apron and decorated his black felt hat with ribbons. A red flag with Chinese characters on it was held in the hand of an aged Chinaman at the article in The Iowa Homestead with a to a young man, who took up his poview of correcting the popular error. sition at the foot. Mott street was filled with a shouting crowd, who The fact is, the gophers and ground jeered at the Chinamen. No one atsquirrel belong to different and widely tempted to go inside the lines formed separated genera, and there is nothing about the coffin. Subsequently a in common between them. The gopher platoon of police came and preserved is an underground worker, like the order. After another tune by the mole, and is seldom seen abroad in band, much beating of tom-toms, and my judgment agriculture will take the daylight. It is, moreover, a veg- the talking of three Chinamen who etarian, living for the most part upon seemed to be repeating prayers, the the roots it finds in its underground coffin was put in the hearse and the travels-though it no doubt takes in Chinamen marched in procession to the such grubs, worms and like "small Grand street ferry, protected by the deer" as may come in its way. In unsettled prairie regions its principal diet riages and crossed to Williamsburgh. no doubt, consists of the roots of the A crowd met them there. The aged what is the political aspect of affairs in Montana?"

Chinaman and the young man with cially fond of the tubers of the wild the red flag rode in the carriage next artichoke. Where it burrows in cul- the hearse. Those beating tom-toms tivated fields it makes sad havoc with followed next. Deputy Sheriff Tom the tame grasses and clover, not only Lee sat in a carriage in about the mid-

beating and flags and streamers flying. In the cemetery of the evergreens incense was burned over the remains,

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